(c) the progress made so far in development of the LCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The first LCA is undergoing ground tests prior to its first flight. Second, third and fourth LCA are in various stages of fabrication and assembly.

सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के निर्माण हेतु खर्च की गई धनराशि

588. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्री मोहम्मद सलीम:

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में सिंचाई क्षमता पैदा करने के लिए बड़े और मझले आकार के बांधों के निर्माण पर 1951 में प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना से लेकर आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक लगभग 60 हजार करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए जा चुके हैं और निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए 40 हजार करोड़ रुपए की राशि को अभी और जरूरत होगी;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) पूरी कर दी गई परियोजनाओं से देश में अब तक कुल कितनी सिंचाई क्षमता पैदा की गई है तथा उनके निर्माण पर कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की गई है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) (क) और (ख) प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना से वार्षिक योजना 1994-95 के अंत तक देश में वृहद एवं मध्यम सिंचाई के निर्माण पर 41,894.68 करोड़ रुपए की राशि खर्च की गई है। वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए योजना परिव्यय 5045.90 करोड़ रुपए है। वर्ष 1996-97 के लिए योजना परिव्यय को अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है। मार्च, 1995 के अंत तक विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण सहित चालू वृहद एवं मध्यम परियोजनाओं पर प्रत्याशित हुई लागत (स्पिल ओवर कास्ट) लगभग 52,119 करोड़ रुपए है।

(ग) वर्ष 1994-95 के अंत तक विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण सहित पूरी की गई वृहद एवं मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजनाओं द्वारा सृजित की जाने वाली अनुमानित सिंचाई क्षमता 11.67 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है। मार्च 1995 तक इन परियोजनाओं पर प्रत्याशित व्यय 6680.78 करोड़ रुपए का है।

Memorandum from Squatters/Hawkers of Janpath Lane Area

589. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received in October, 1996 through an Hon'ble M.P. a memorandum from squatters/ hawkers of Janpath Lane area who are identified for relief and rehabilitation by the Committee headed by Hon'ble Justice G.P. Thareja;

(b) whether the said memorandum contains complaints of alleged unauthorised/illegal allotment of shops in the New Mini Market at Janpath Lane;

(c) the steps taken to cancel the alleged illegal allotments of shops; and

(d) the action taken on the said memorandum

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As reported by the NDMC, no unauthorised hawkers/squatters have been allotted any shop in the New Mini Market at Janpath Lane.

(d) The Thareja Judicial Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme court to verify the claims of hawkers/squatters in the NDMC area submitted its recommendations to the Hon'ble Court in May, 1996 for its decision.

Expatriation of Illegal Immigrants from Asian Countries

590. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the decision of the United Arab Emirates to expatriate illegal immigrants from Asian countries;

(b) if so, the number of Indians expatriated from UAE;

(c) the States to which these expatriated Indians belong; and

(d) the nature and extent of the Central assistance given/proposed to be given to the state Governments concerned for the rehabilitation of these expatriated Indians from the UAE?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) Government of UAE had announced a three month amnesty for all illegal expatriates including illegal immigrants from Asian countries in UAE starting from July 1, 1996 to September 30, 1996, which was extended by another one month upto October 31, 1996. All illegal expatriates in the UAE were required to leave during the amnesty period without paying fine or serving jail term. An estimated 60,000 Indian nationals are said to have availed of the amnesty. According to the available information, the Indian illegal expatriates mainly belong to the states of Kerla, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(d) No central assistance was given or proposed to be given to the State governments concerned for the rehabilitation of these expatriate Indians from the UAE. However, our mission in Abu Dhabi and Consulate General in Dubai are closely monitoring the emerging employment oportunities in UAE with a view to facilitate the return of the expatriated Indians to UAE in a legitimate manner.

Writs Against Dot in Delhi

591. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Letters of Intent (LOI) holders for the Basic Telephone services have filed writs in the Delhi High Court against the department of Telecommunication;

(b) if so, the particulars of the writs filled; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to ensure early and favourable disosposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERM A): (a) Two out of the seven Letter of Intent holdig companies have filed civil Suits in the High Court of Delhi.

(b) the particulars are given in the enclosed statement, *(see* below);

(c) The Additional Solicitor General of India and Senior Standing Government counsel in Delhi High Court are defending the case of behalf of the Government.

Statement

Court Cases filed by Ms. HFCL Rezen Telecom. Ltd. and Ms. Basic Teleservices

1. Ms. HFCL Bezeq Telecom. Ltd. was issued Letters of Intent for providing Basic Telephone Service in four Circles namely, Delhi, Haryana, U.P (West) and Orissa in March, 1996. The company did not submit the extension of Earnest Money Bank Guarantee and validity of the bid as directed by the Government. The Government, therefore, decided to encash their Earnest Money Bank Guarantee amounting to Rs. 105 crores. Ms. HFCL Bezeq Ltd. then filed a Civil Suit No. 1481 of 96 in the High Court of Delhi.

2. Ms. Basic Teleservices was issued Letter of Intent for providing Basic Telephone Service in Tamilnadu Circle. This Company did not give the acceptance of the LOI by the due date. The Government, therefore, decided to encash their earnest money bank guarantee amounting to Rs. 50 crores. This company also filed a civil suit No. 2686 of 1996 in High Court of Delhi against this action of the Government.